

Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Boards & Commissions News.

Recruitment Fair

Have you ever wondered how you could help shape your community? Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 29, 6-8 p.m. for the Glendale Boards and Commissions Recruitment Fair. Each of the city's boards and commissions will have a display table at the event staffed by city representatives and current members who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. The event will be held at the Glendale Civic Center Annex, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.

Teen B&C Members.

The city of Glendale is pleased to be one of only a few U.S. cities that appoint teens as full voting members to its citizen advisory commissions. One seat is available on the Library Advisory Commission and two on the Parks and Recreation Commission exclusively for teens in High School. If you are a teen, or know a teen, who has ideas and wants to help shape Glendale, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2814 to apply.

New Members. Congratulations to the following residents who have recently been appointed by the City Council to serve on Glendale advisory boards and commissions: Erik Hendrix – Commission on Persons with Disabilities; Judy Atkins (vice chair) – Historic Preservation Commission; Camille Donley and Brianna Shuttleworth – Library Advisory Board; Jonathan Liebman – Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission; and Natalie Stahl (chair) and Michele Tennyson (vice chair) – Planning Commission.

Serve Day 2008. More than 400 volunteers from various faith-based and community organizations participated in the 3rd Annual Serve Day in Glendale on February 23. The volunteers completed more than 2,000 volunteer hours valued at over \$35,760. More than 1,000 volunteers worked on 60 different projects in the West Valley. [Read more.](#)

Many thanks to all those who volunteered and special thanks to those who completed two projects in the Sahuaro District: Volunteers at Paseo Park filled 54 bags with trash and debris while the Skunk Creek group filled 22 bags!

Citizen's Police Academy. The Glendale Police Department's Citizen Academy is a chance for residents or business owners to get an insider's look at law enforcement, and specifically, how the Police Department operates. Students will learn about crime scene investigation, tactical operations, use of canines and much more. To participate in the academy you must be 18 years of age or older and be able to commit to attend an 11-week program. Classes begin April 16, but applications are due by March 15, so get yours in today! For more information or to download an application, [click here](#) or call (623) 772-7118.



Serve Day volunteers

Around Town

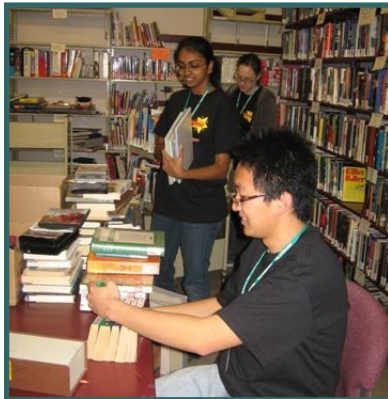


Family Fishing Clinic Saturday, March 8. Come catch some fish and spend time with family this Saturday at Bonsall Park Lake, 59th Ave. and Bethany Home Rd., 7 to 10 a.m. Co-sponsored by Arizona Game and Fish Department, this event offers instruction on how to “snag the big one,” bait hooks and basic information about fish. Bring your fishing pole, a container to take home your catch and something to sit on. (A limited supply of rods and bait are available on a first-come, first-served basis). A fishing license is not needed during this clinic; however, if you continue to fish after the clinic, you must follow Arizona laws and regulations. Register at the Game and Fish booth the morning of the event. For more information, call (623) 930-4703. Free admission!

Mega Book Sale Saturday, March 8. Book-lovers: mark your calendars! Glendale Main Library is holding its annual Mega Book Sale on Saturday, March 8, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be thousands of books, including hardback, paperback, fiction and nonfiction. But it's not just books! Videocassettes, DVDs, CDs and audio books will be offered, as well. The Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call (623) 930-3530.

Live at the Library. Join us for Glendale's Live at the Library, a free performing arts series, at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On March 13, Oceans Apart, a hugely talented pan-Celtic duo will perform. [Read more.](#)

Community Conversations. Please join Mayor Elaine Scruggs in her third series of Community Conversations meetings throughout Glendale. There is a lot going on in our city and Mayor Scruggs would like to know what interests you the most. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2260 for more information or to RSVP for an upcoming meeting. The next Community Conversations is at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 10 at the First United Methodist Church, 7102 N. 58th Dr.



Spring Extravaganza. Hop on over with the kids to the Sahuaro Ranch Park softball complex, 63rd Ave. and Mountain View Rd., on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and be a part of Spring Extravaganza! The event features Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, Bubble Mania and “Eureka! Land.” Have the kids bring a hard-boiled egg for the Egg Decorating Contest and a basket to collect eggs during the Egg Scramble. Everyone can wear a WACKY hat and join the fun at the Wacky Hat Trot. Admission is free. For more information, call (623) 930-2042.

That Thursday Thing! Shine your favorite boots and pull out your favorite cowboy hat as Historic Downtown Glendale turns Western themed for Spurs and Spendin' on March 20 from 5-8 p.m. Visitors will begin their Western experience at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. [Read more.](#)

Glendale Family Bike Ride 2008. Ready, set, ride! That's right, it's time for the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride, and 2008's event promises plenty of family fun and exercise. This year's ride is set for Sunday, April 13, 2008. Register early! [Read more.](#)

Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival. The city of Glendale's Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will celebrate its 25th year with a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 12-13. The event will run 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free. [Read more.](#)

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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